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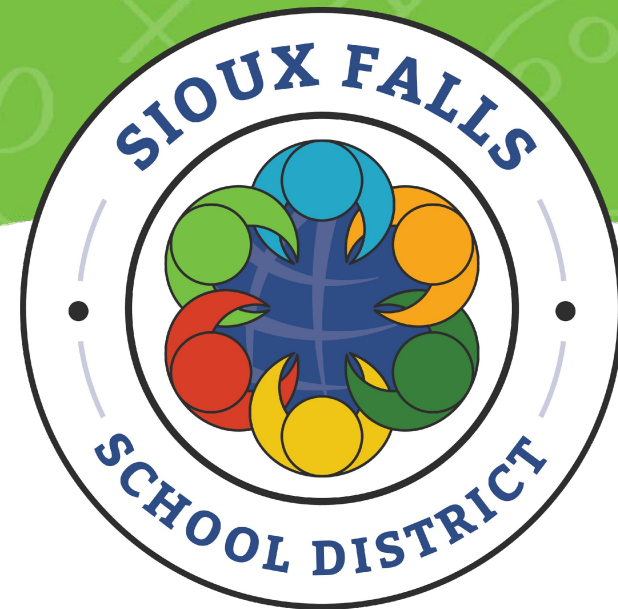
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AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Public Input on Work Session Agenda Items
3. Opioid Grant Dollars - CARE Program
4. Renberg Updates
5. Board Member Committee Updates
6. Adjournment



Sioux Falls School District

CARE Prevention Program:

Counseling, Awareness, Recovery, and Education

September 2, 2026



The Background:

Substance misuse poses a significant and growing threat to the health, safety, and stability of communities, undermining student well-being, family stability, and long-term educational and economic outcomes.

National

- **Youth Substance Use:** Nearly 30% of high school students **nationally** report current alcohol, marijuana, or prescription opioid use.

State

- **SD:** Overdose deaths increased 2% in 2024, reaching 88 deaths, despite a national decline.
- **SD Youth:** 10.4% of students reported marijuana use in the past 30 days.

Local

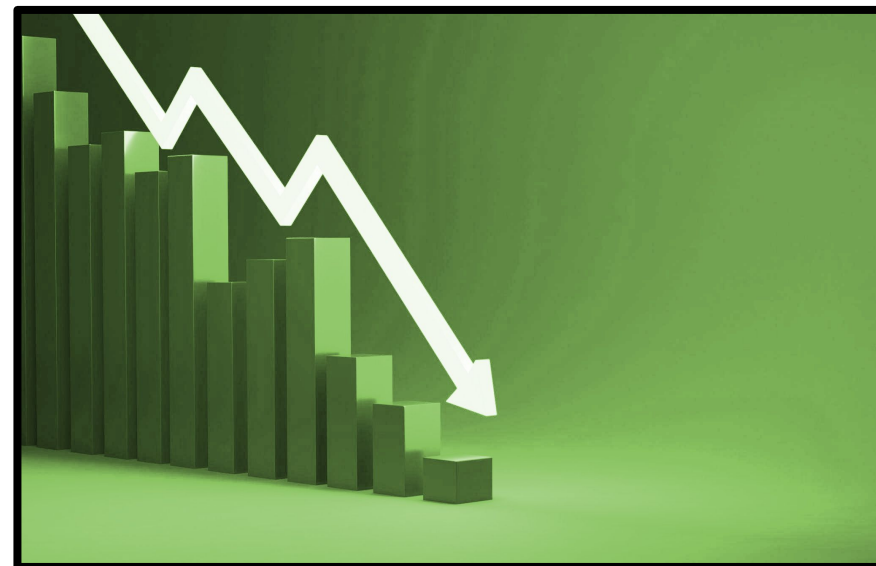
- **Sioux Falls:** Fentanyl seizures reached a record 5,116.9 grams in 2024, a 323% increase since 2018, with significant increases in methamphetamine seizures.



Impact

Youth substance use is linked to the following:

- Declining Educational Achievement
 - Academic disengagement
 - Early drop-out
- Declining Health and Well-being
 - Risky behaviors
 - Mental health challenges
 - Declining physical health



Limiting Factors for Services:

Families: Limited knowledge of emerging substance use trends and prevention strategies can reduce protective support at home.

Barriers to Services: Provider availability, transportation to providers, stigma, and financial resources can prevent access to services.

Access to Financial Resources:

SD Opioid Settlement - April 2026

- SD awards \$7.8 million to 10 SD organizations
- SFSD received \$1 million



National Settlement Funding: Thousands of lawsuits have been filed against companies accused of contributing to the opioid crisis. National opioid settlements provide funding for prevention, treatment, and recovery service.

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CARE Counseling Program:

CARE - Counseling, Awareness, Recovery, and Education

The SFSD will implement comprehensive, evidence-based, K-12 continuum of service and support that is focused on prevention and intervention.



CARE Counseling Program Outcomes:

PREVENTION

SFSD will deliver prevention strategies:

- build strong social-emotional skills
- strengthen refusal and decision-making abilities
- address normative perceptions of substance use

INTERVENTION

SFSD will provide intervention services that include:

- early identification
- chemical dependency screenings/evaluations
- individualized and group counseling
- case management and family services
- referrals to treatment as needed



SFSD CARE Staff:

2 Licensed Addiction Counselors:

- One at a High School
- One at a Middle School

1 Elementary Counselor:

- Will work with 4 elementary schools

1 Grant Coordinator:

- Grant Coordinator to oversee grant requirements, data collection, and student/client records.



SFSD CARE Pilot Schools:

Schools Identified With Continuity of Care Model: Strengthens consistent prevention and intervention from elementary through high school

Participating pilot schools include:

- Lincoln High School
 - Patrick Henry Middle School
 - Hawthorne
 - Terry Redlin
 - Robert Frost
 - Susan B. Anthony
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- **Data-Driven Evaluation:** Uses data to measure outcomes, refine implementation, and develop a scalable model
 - **Tiered Support:** Aligns services with developmental needs across grade levels

Elementary Prevention Services

Student Education: Instruction will help students recognize and respond to peer and media pressures, correct misperceptions about substance use norms, and build essential life skills such as decision-making, emotional regulation, and stress management.

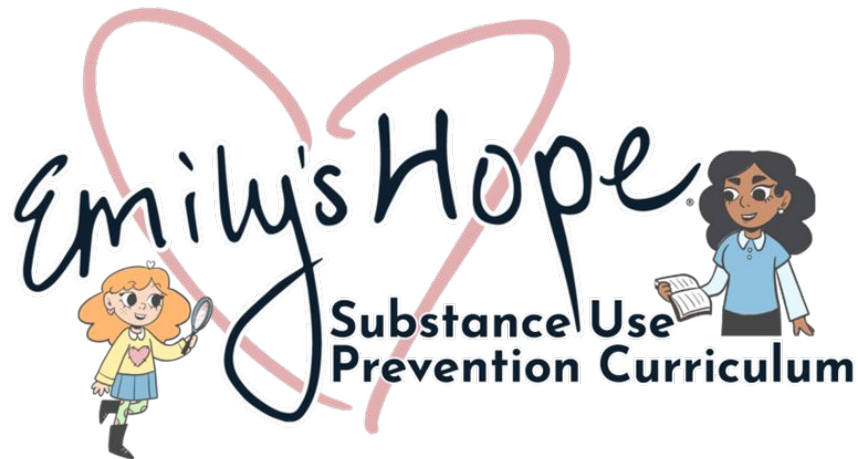
Instruction Topics May Include:

- My Body
- My Brain
- My Health
- My Emotions
- Medication Safety and Substances
- Pressures

In addition, students identified through early indicators will receive selective prevention supports, including targeted small-group instruction, to strengthen protective factors and reduce the likelihood of substance use initiation or escalation.

Emily's Hope Curriculum:

- Val Peters and Jill Hall from Emily's Hope:
 - Empowering Students to Make **Healthy Choices for Life**
- [Preview of Emily's Hope Curriculum](#)

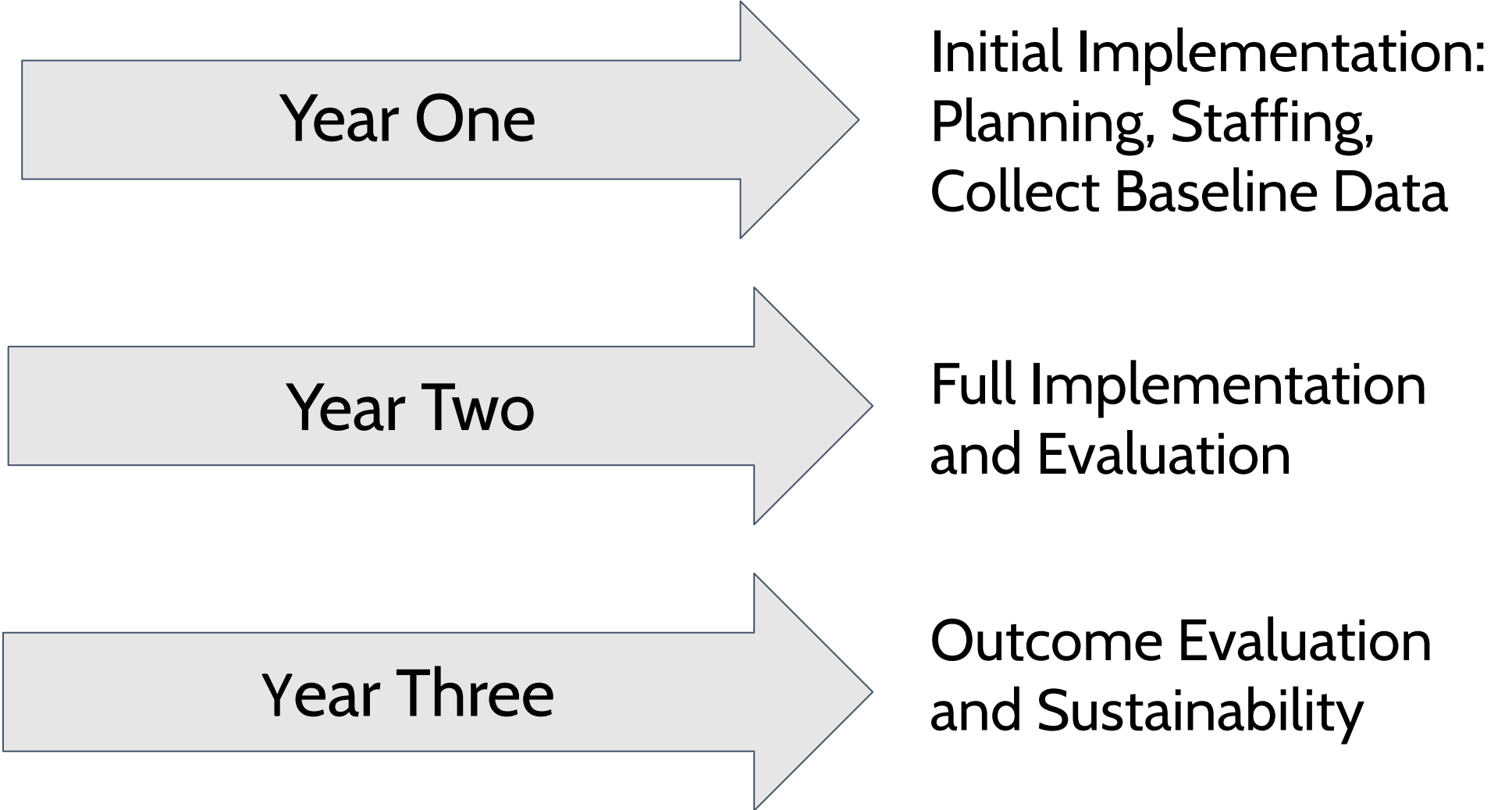


Additional Preventative Strategies

- **Family and Community Engagement** - SFSD will provide ongoing education for parents and caregivers focused on communication, monitoring, early warning signs, and supporting healthy decision-making and will implement a community education and awareness-to-action campaign with local partners to promote positive norms and increase awareness of substance use risks.
- **School-Wide Awareness Events and Campaigns** - i.e. Red Ribbon Week, National Substance Abuse Prevention Month, SADD, etc.



Three-Year Implementation:



Year One

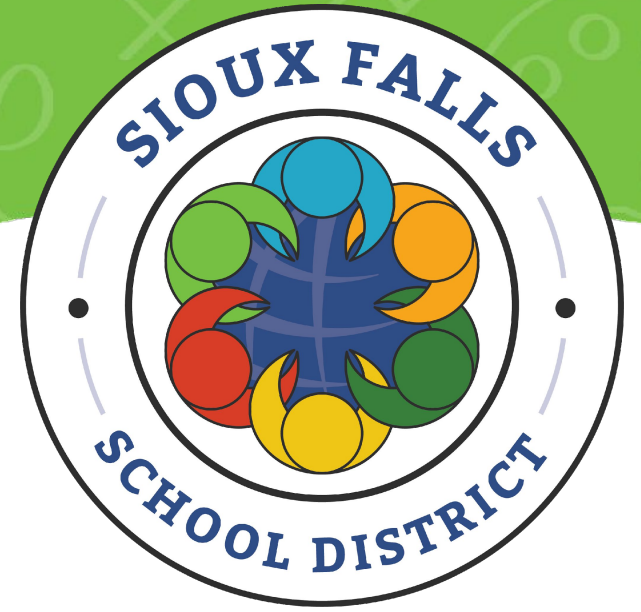
Initial Implementation:
Planning, Staffing,
Collect Baseline Data

Year Two

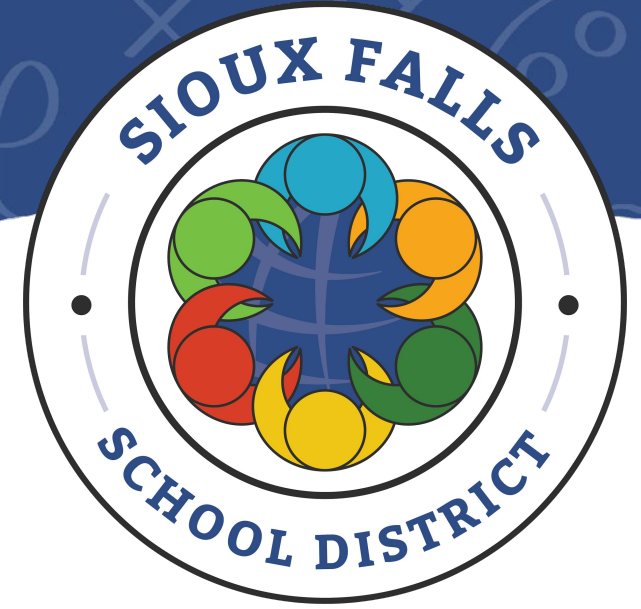
Full Implementation
and Evaluation

Year Three

Outcome Evaluation
and Sustainability



Long-term, the CARE initiative aims to foster safer school climates, stronger student engagement, and healthier communities.



Renberg Elementary

Agenda

- Presentation of Information
- Questions
- Summary



During the Fall of 2025

1. Met with Renberg staff
2. Met with City of Sioux Falls
3. Hosted two parent listening/informational meetings
4. Shared information at a School Board Work Session

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Student & Staff Impact

1. Reduced Time on Buses
2. Larger Specials (Band & Orchestra)
3. Blended Classes (Less Likely)
4. Less Travel for Specials Teachers
5. Budget Savings
 - \$500k - \$700k annual savings
 - \$2.6M in capital outlay savings

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City Planning Information

1. South of Renner is a floodplain
2. Airport area is not planned for significant growth
3. City does not have growth plans to get infrastructure into the Renner area ~ It is not on the 2050 development plan
4. East of I-29 and north of I-90 zoned as “Industrial”
5. Future growth in the Sioux Falls School District will be west which has multiple Tier I areas that are ready for immediate development

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Enrollment Information

Renberg Elementary

Grade	26-27	25-26	24-25	23-24	22-23	21-22	20-21	19-20	18-19
KG-GR	9	13	20	26	50	28	22	28	36
01-GR	10	17	25	34	33	36	24	30	28
02-GR	15	17	33	21	35	27	21	25	34
03-GR	16	18	24	32	27	28	22	27	23
04-GR	21	13	32	22	39	23	24	25	43
05-GR	12	21	25	25	27	32	19	41	34
	83	99	159	160	211	174	132	176	198

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Renberg 2026-27

1. 83 Total Enrollment
 - 65 live in Renberg's HAC
 - 13 are out-of-district OE's
 - 5 are in-district OE's
2. There are 91 students who have open enrolled out of the Renberg HAC.

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Students of Renberg 2026-27

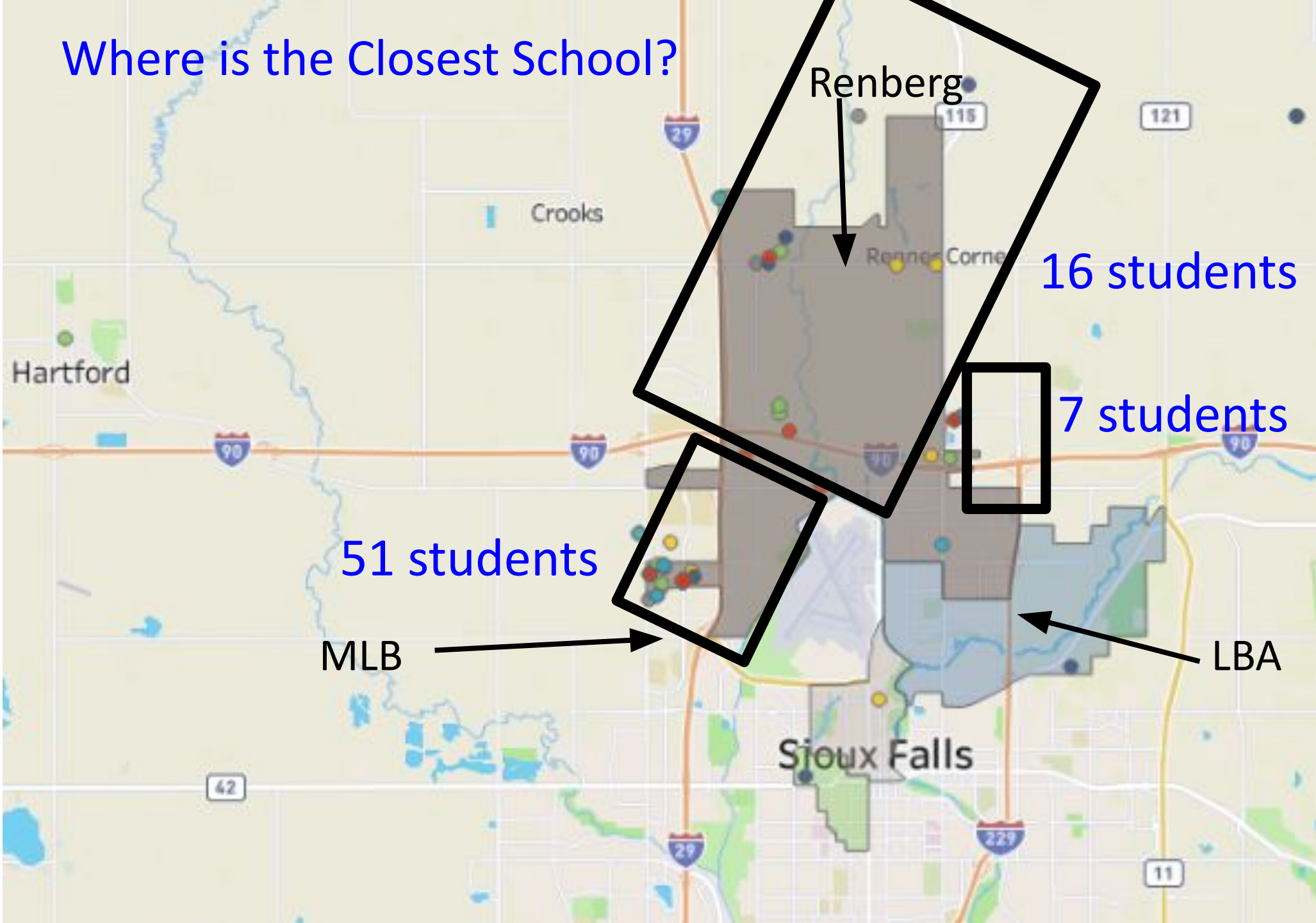
If we take out the 5 in-district OE students, there are 78 students remaining.

- 19 of these students live closer to Renberg.
- 59 of these students live closer to MLB or LBA.

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Where is the Closest School?



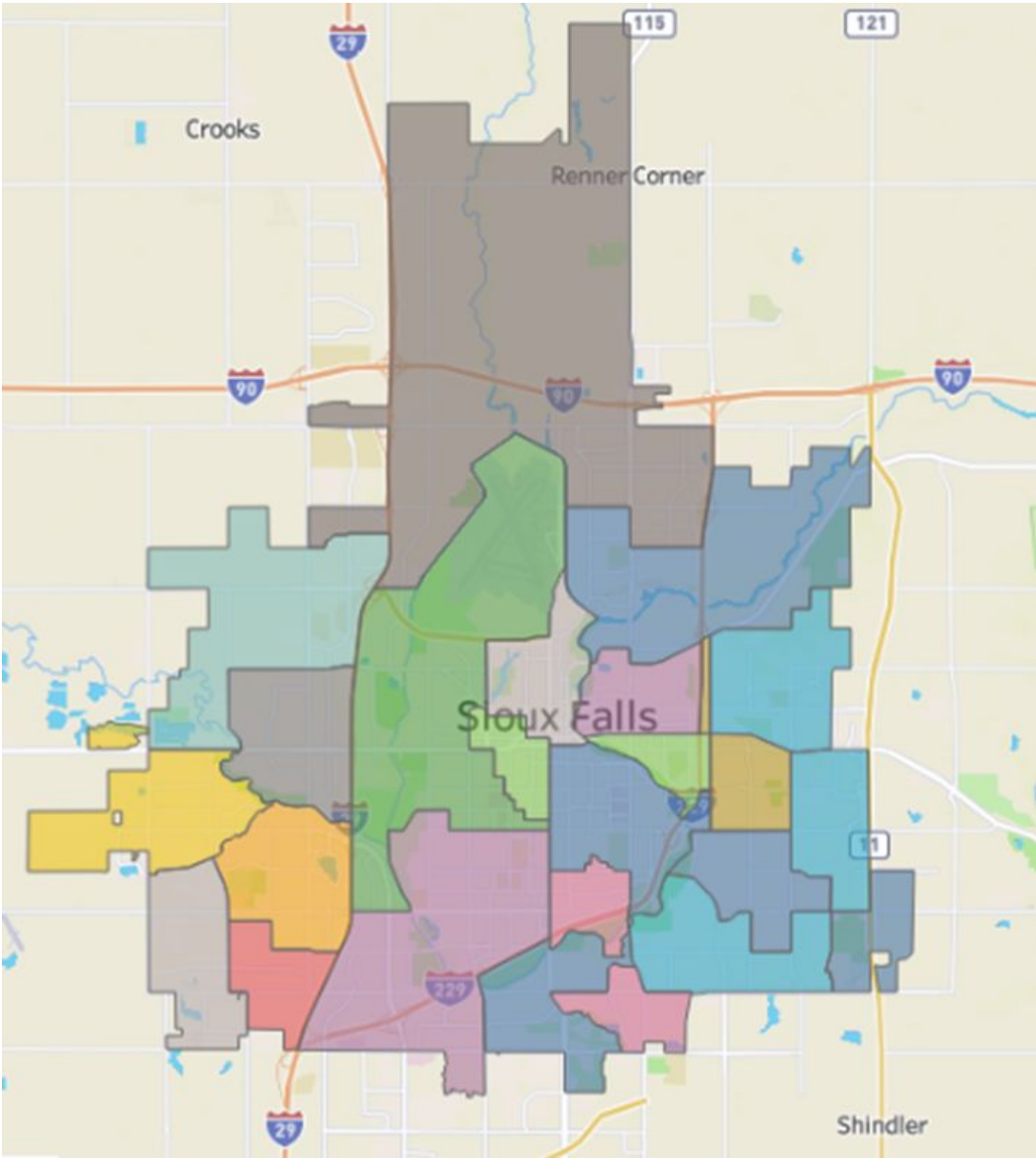
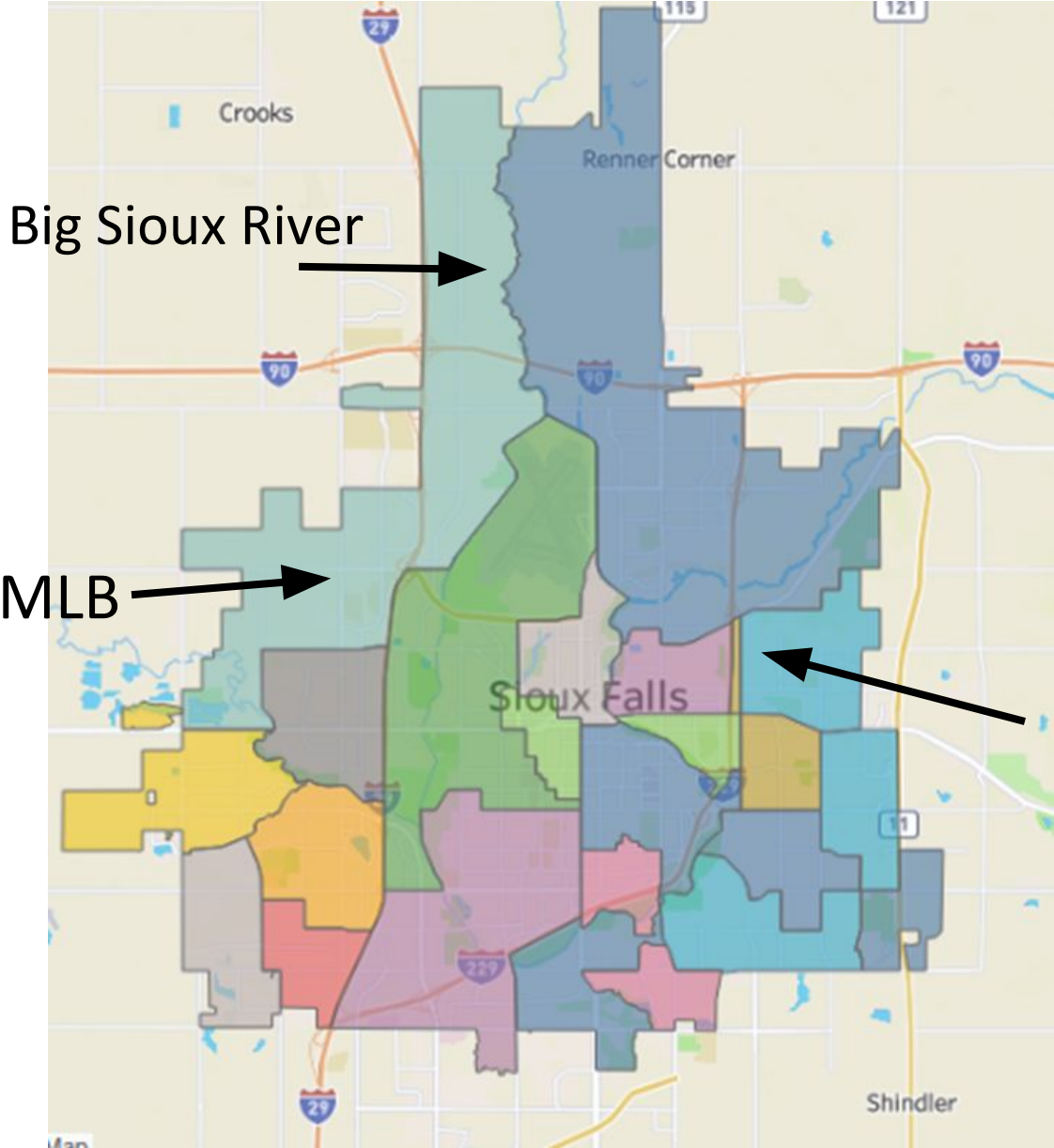
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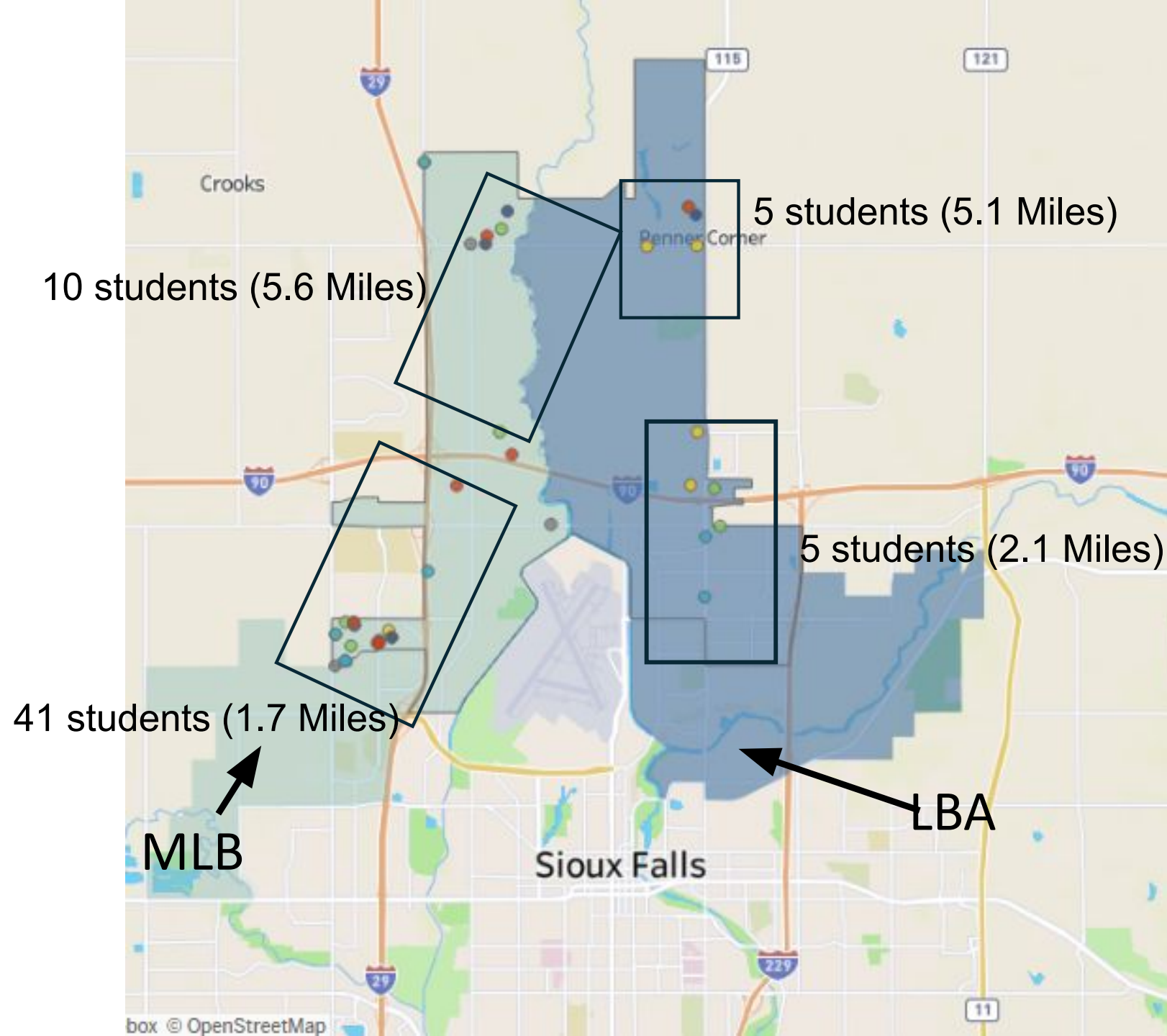
1. Care for Students
2. Care for Staff
3. Educational Services at Renberg
4. Best Interest of All Families
 - Travel
 - Educational Opportunities
 - Movement (Boundaries)
5. Finances

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Enrollment Boundary Proposal





Fall of 2026

- August 31 ~ Met with Renberg Staff
- September 2 ~ Board Work Session
- September 14 ~ Send Boundary Information to parents
- October 28~ Information/Listening session on Boundary at Renberg
- November 9 ~ School Board Meeting
- December 1 ~ By Dec. 1 notify State of Renberg's closing at end of FY27

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Questions

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Summary

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